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## CURRENT COMMENTS

### SETTLEMENT OF THE A. & G. W. CASE

The announcement of the final settlement of the celebrated A. & G. W. case made by Premier Sifton in the house on Tuesday should be well received, whatever one's political leanings may be. But the popularity of the settlement will greatly depend upon what terms have been made between the government and the contractor, which cannot be known until the government brings down its bill relating to its settlement. Premier Sifton assures parliament that the basis of settlement is satisfactory to the government, representatives of the Royal Bank, the bondholders, and others interested. J. D. McArthur and associates, owners of the Edmonton, Dunvegan and British Columbia railway now being completed into the Peace River country, who built a large section of the Grand Trunk Pacific road, and are now building the Hudson Bay railway for the Federal Government, will take over the charter and complete the road and assume all liabilities.

The interest on the proceeds of bond issue earned up to the time the necessary legislation becomes effective, to be received by the government, the government to provide for the payment of the interest of the bonds up to that time; and all sums properly payable in respect of claims filed with the government will be settled by the company. The government will, of course, waive any default of the railway company to date, and will see that the entire proceeds of the bond issue and accrued interest is paid into a chartered bank or banks under the terms of the guarantee act.

### DO NOT THRESH TOO SOON AFTER RAIN

A well known grain buyer in Calgary strongly advises farmers not to be in too great a hurry to thresh until the grain is thoroughly dry. Heavy rains have been reported all over the south country and the tendency of threshermen is to urge farmers to start at once after rain has quit in order to keep the threshing gangs at work and machines working. Owing to the prolonged spell of dry weather which we have had, the grain has been very dry, and will now absorb more added moisture than in ordinary years. The percentage of added moisture is not the same as normal moisture, and causes rot and heated grain. By waiting a few days till the grain is thoroughly dry, farmers will insure themselves against loss in quality which must result from threshing tough grain. Everyone is eager to get the grain threshed and out of danger, but until the farmers realize the loss which result from threshing too soon after heavy rains there will always be loss from heated and damp grain. Every year see a change for the better in this respect, but in order to eliminate this during the pre-

sent season the farmers must be firm and protect their own interests.

"Thaw case may be of long duration," says to-day's newspaper heading. Certainly, just as long as the Thaw millions last.

What with militancy and the emotional state of Ulster the British premiership is getting to be almost as ticklish a job as that of chauffeur to the Shah of Persia.

From reports one learns that several hen roosts have been robbed in one night at Edmonton. A Conservative friend says that's odd—when all the members of the Government were in town at the time.

Two hundred and ten licenses have been issued by the license department of government since the passing of the act requiring all pool rooms in the province to be licensed on July 1 last. As originally drafted, the act gave licensing of pool rooms to municipalities, but smaller municipalities found difficulty on account of local feeling, in enforcing the act and requested the government to administer the act under the attorney-general's department.

Mr. Borden in his speech at Halifax showed no disposition to retreat from the position on the imperial problem that he assumed so definitely in introducing his naval resolutions. "The unity of the Empire," he declared, "cannot be maintained if its greatest Dominion adopts the policy of neutrality under the cover of neutrality in time of danger or trouble." The issue must be kept to the front. Either we are to be a part of the Empire in earnest, sharing its burdens as well as its advantages, or we must cut loose from it. We cannot occupy our present anomalous position much longer.

### New York World:

1. One man walks up to another in a crowded roof-garden and, in cold blood, and without any plea of self-defence, shoots him dead.
  2. He is saved from electrocution on the ground that he is criminally insane with a form of insanity admitted to be incurable.
  3. He is locked up in an asylum for the dangerously insane.
  4. He escapes to Canada.
  5. And now learned lawyers contend that a conviction of homicidal insanity amounts to nothing more than an acquittal of murder.
- This is probably perfectly good lawyer's law, but in laymen's minds it precipitates the question: Which is the more dangerous criminal maniac in a case like this—Thaw or the law.

The announcement was made Saturday by W. J. Tregillus, president of the Alberta Farmers' Co-operative Elevator company, that the company will have 51 elevators in operation in Alberta within 15 days. The company is working with the assistance of the government, who are advancing 85 per cent. of the cost of building or acquiring the elevators, the amount to be repaid by twenty equal annual instalments.

The Winnipeg Free Press deprecates the sending forth of glowing crop reports because it has the effect of depressing the price to the farmers. It is very much to be doubted whether the prices are affected to any large extent. The people whose actions influence prices have most of their own sources of information. What we have to consider is the influence of crop reports on immigration. Our development is dependent upon this to a large extent. It is as the number of people coming into this country increases that farmer's land will go up in value and he is bound to suffer very much more from a policy of understating the crop yield than he could likely gain through the infinitesimal effect on grain.

A supplementary report on the number of cattle and horses available for grazing by mixed farmers in the vicinity of the Blood Indian reserve has been forwarded by the secretary of the special committee of farmers to the Honorable Dr. Roche, minister of the interior, and it shows a decided increase since the first report was made. In the first 10 days' mail canvass of the farmers there were upwards of 22,000 head of stock shown to be available for placing on the reserve for next summer grazing or before, and the supplementary report shows a total of 23,523 head. The applications and agreements to co-operate in a farmers' association for the management of the lease, when granted, now number 104, and the farmers applying show they possess 4,345 horses and 13,093 cattle, a total of 17,638. They signify their intention of running as soon as possible upwards of 23,000 head of stock of both horses and cattle. This is an average of 143 to the applicant, while the average ownership is 108 at present, or a prospective increase in live stock holdings of 33 per cent.

The big increase in mixed farming with hog raising as one of its most important branches, is shown in the shipment from Alberta farms of twice as many hogs for the first six months of this year as the entire number shipped last year. Every year shows an increase in hog production and sales. All the hogs raised are sold in Alberta and British Columbia, which shows that the western market alone is a very important one and is growing more so as the population of these provinces increases. With the price averaging around 8 cents per pound the hog industry has proven a particularly remunerative one to the farmers of Alberta. Two years ago scarcely any hogs were shipped from Southern Alberta, which was practically nothing else but a grain growing and ranching territory, whereas now the C.P.R. figures show that there is very little difference between shipments in the south and those of the north. High River, Cayley, Nanton, Parkland, Staveley and all along the Camranga branch, and other points in the south are all important hog shipping centres now. The tendency to mixed farming has also placed cattle raising on a more systematic and uniform basis. Cattle shipments take place all the year around. This insures the farmer a fair market price in almost any season.

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